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KEY LOVE MEASUREMENT

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As we move leisurely but perhaps in not enough detail to uncover the idea behind being human, we are provoked into a reexamination, without rancor and remorse, of the very ordinary events that occur in one's life passage. With a Different Overview, they feel different. Not quite ridiculous, but certainly funny. Most of all, the good and evil tonality diminishes almost to zero. Almost—but not quite.

Back to digging for nuggets (without glitter) in human mind-consciousness (HM). Ignore what seem to be unpleasant odors and bitter tastes—they are only temporary, a product of confused conditioning. Remember that in the Earth Life System, even feces have a valuable function. They are messages left for those who can read them and eventually convert into soil rejuvenants.

The Different Overview immediately uncovers two prime factors that near-continuously direct and control what we do and how we do it, whether we like it or not, whether we are aware of it or not. There is still much controversy as to which is the most powerful of the two. Each is a variation of the ELS (Earth Life System) survival imprint, and both seem to originate strictly from our Animal Sub-Self (ASS). All of which doesn't help in the conscious coping with either.

One is the Sexual Drive. The other is fear of death. The interest here, at the moment, has to be the former because it may help along the path to cleaning up a mass of misprints which have so clouded and distorted our knowing.

As to sexuality and the sex drive, it would be completely presumptuous here to attempt to be authoritative—except that it is fair game for everyone. From one perspective, if there were two barriers to growth such as sexuality, the Human Mind would achieve little or nothing. Consider the events in your own life that have been affected adversely and/or distorted by your sexual "needs." By now, you can begin to laugh about them, hopefully.

As to control, your emerging Different Overview cannot offer a workable solution or resolution as to the sex drive—for the moment at least. Besides, there are many, many authorities on the subject, just ask your neighbor or your closest friend.

Love or just the sex drive. The Big L or the animal drive to reproduce. A dangerous question. Take away the ambience, and it becomes a good dream to tell about at the next cosmic cocktail party.

Or: take away the ego gratification, guilt assuaging, the promise of reward, “local traffic” rules and approval, the desire for change, and examine what’s left in do-goodism. You’ll find pure Core Self expression as the essence. It is as normal as a dog wagging its tail. The Earth Life System will permit a limited amount of this as long as it doesn’t upset the design.

However, there is much less control over such activity when the Human Mind of us is no longer in the physical mode. On the other hand, the results are far less effective in these states of being. Thus there is a trade-off. In any event, it is a waste of emotion to attach blame if the results are less than spectacular. Altruism and compassion also are very valid expressions of the Core Self of us—if determined that they are without local contamination.

Perhaps one of the most difficult points to accept is the status of unconditional love (Big L). Because of the overwhelming force of such radiation, many if not most humans look upon it as an ultimate goal. Consider then, what the expression of such goal might be like—100% Big L and nothing more. Is there something missing?

Try it another way: at the very least, no goal or state of being would be complete without it. As we conceive of it. Big L is uniquely a product of the Human Mind.

Perhaps many of us undergo the human experience to acquire and understand Big L and nothing else. If you start to look for the “something missing,” you’re developing the new and Different Overview.

It’s much more fun and more productive to cruise the Interstate, where the original drive behind the desire to help and love can be expressed without Earth distortion. Why move molehills when you can move mountains?

But we’re here, now. Our culture has mixed the word love into too many connotations. Probably the worst and most common is “make love” to excuse a blatant act of sexual reproduction. Yet it is often an act of Big L, and once in a while it is the starting point for the latter. It may be that the original design called for sex to do just that.

Take a good look at the man-woman love that is the theme of countless songs, novels, poetry, etc. Set aside any other forms for the moment. To cut away to the heart of such love—realistically and metaphorically—you can put it to a test or two:

- If it can’t survive without sexual stimulus and/or satisfaction for a week, month, or year,
- If it fades surely without the other performing in a certain way just to “make” you feel love,
- If time-space proximity is a basic continuing requisite,
- If you or the object of your love can turn it on and off at will,
- If it is conditioned upon materiality in any form,

- If any oughts, shoulds, or woulds are a part of the matrix,

... then it is not love as defined herein. It may be strong and devastating, but it's nothing more than an Earth mating-breeding rite at work. Enjoy it for exactly what it is.

If it does pass the test, you're on to something big that is truly not of this world, and it will take some special handling to cope with the effects of it. The Big L, for a proper IDENT (Label), so it won't be confused with similar word use for lesser meaning.

Or: If you like formulas, try this on for size in any relationship that has you in turmoil:

$$\frac{I(X + C) + D + Y}{G + E + A}$$

= F (UNDER 50), L (OVER 50), OR
BIG L (OVER 75)

I = INTENSITY

X = SHARED EXPERIENCE

C = COMMON GOAL

D = DURATION

Y = GIVING

G = GREED

E = EGO

A = ANXIETY

F = FRIENDSHIP

L = LOVE

BIG L = CORE SELF STUFF

Give each ingredient an honest and candid rating on a 1-10 scale, 1 little or none, 10 very high.

Try it. Your Different Overview can handle it easily.

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